



**Location** - Begins at the Utah state line and follows U.S. 91, then Idaho 34, north to U.S. 30 and then east to Soda Springs where it meets the Oregon Trail-Bear Lake Scenic Byway. From there, north on Idaho 34 toward the Wyoming state line.

**Length** - 127 miles. Allow 2.5 hours.

**Roadway** - U.S. 91 is a two-lane, paved road with some passing lanes. Idaho 34 is a two-lane, paved road with one moderately steep grade between Wayan and the Wyoming border.

This is a heavy snowfall area with most winter travel being made on a snow floor. The section of Idaho 34 between Soda Springs and the Wyoming border may occasionally be closed in the winter.

**When to see it** - Throughout the year.

**Special attractions** - Bear River Massacre Site; Red Rock Pass; Niter Ice Cave; Black Canyon Gorge; Last Chance Canal; Franklin Historic District; Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge; Oneida Stake Academy; Chesterfield town site and the world's only captive geyser in Soda Springs.

**Camping** - Several in the Caribou National Forest.

**Services** - Full services in Preston, Grace, Soda Springs; partial services in Franklin.

**Contacts** - Preston Area Chamber of Commerce: 208-852-2703, [www.prestonidaho.org](http://www.prestonidaho.org); Pioneer Country Travel Council: 800-423-8597 or 888-201-1063, [www.seidaho.org](http://www.seidaho.org); Soda Springs Chamber of Commerce: 208-547-2600 or 888-399-0888, [www.sodachamber.com](http://www.sodachamber.com); U.S. Forest Service-Soda Springs Ranger District: 208-547-4356; [www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org](http://www.pioneerhistoricbyway.org); [www.bywaysonline.org](http://www.bywaysonline.org).

## Pioneer Historic Byway

On this route, travelers can retrace some steps of Idaho's early pioneers and follow the historic path taken by early-day Yellowstone Park visitors. From Franklin, Idaho's oldest settlement, this byway heads north to Soda Springs and on to the Wyoming border. This route offers the shortest distance and time between Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Park.

Along the way you can see the remnants of the first grist mill in Idaho, one of the original Yellowstone Highway markers, the 100+ year old Mormon Oneida Academy, the site of the massacre at Bear River, Devil's Hand, the Niter Ice Cave, Last Chance Canal, cinder cones from extinct volcanoes, a section of the Oregon-California Trail, and many other historical points of interest, documenting early settlement in this portion of Idaho.

Soda Springs offers numerous opportunities for visitors. Among a variety of historic attractions, the town features the world's only captive geyser, with a plume of almost 100 feet. In addition, the nearby Formation Springs Nature Conservancy Area contains a travertine-formed cave and excellent waterfowl and wildlife viewing.

